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■ **LAUNCH:** Event last weekend

## Arts and culture route launched

LINDSAY COSTELLO  
For InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — Take part in art. National Culture Days brought together area artists and art lovers last Saturday as the city celebrated the launch of Niagara's South Coast Arts and Culture Route.

The launch took place at the Roselawn Centre, where artists set up displays throughout the building, giving the public a chance to view their work and mingle with other members of the arts community.

Opening its doors between noon and 5 p.m., the Roselawn Centre showcased many of the locations along the route, which spans 50 kilometers between Wainfleet and Ridgeway and features galleries, studios, shops, libraries, museums and community centres.

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■ **FEED THE HORSES:** Thirteen businesses corral food, money

## Horses saddle up for Port Cares



EDDIE CHAU Staff Photo

Frank Danch of Frank's Home Building Centre, Bruce Ferri of Thruway Muffler and Rachel Anderson of Port Cares stand with a few of the many food donations received by Main St. businesses during the inaugural Feed the Horses event. The food and financial donations collected will benefit Port Cares.

EDDIE CHAU  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — When there's someone in need, the 'neigh'-hours will always saddle up to help out.

And they turned out in herds to help out Port Cares last weekend when Main St. businesses came together to host the first Feed the Horses event.

People recently dropped off non-perishable food and financial donations at businesses where a horse stands in front of.

While the animals in front of the businesses are not real, one business decided to bring an actual horse in for the event, said Bruce Ferri, owner of Thruway Muffler and organizer of Feed the Horses.

"Midtown Auto Repair had a barbecue with a live horse and a goat," Ferri said.

"There were 13 businesses involved. All the food was brought in at different times. Everyone did great at collecting."

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## ■ ART CRAWL

# Arts community spills out on to streets



LINDSAY COSTELLO InPort News Photo

Kathy Evans and Peter Duffin of Niagara-based folk band Barnhouse Static performed at Something Else during the inaugural downtown art crawl on Saturday night.

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"The whole point was to show the incredible diversity of talent that the South coast has," said Elaine Crossley, who acted as arts route researcher and determined which locations would be included.

Crossley described the experience as detective work and said that as she went through the process, she was able to discover new artists and venues through her interaction with the community.

She said the launch of the route was meant to celebrate and recognize those involved as well as raise awareness of local art and culture.

While the self-guided route is a year-round experience,

Crossley said she hoped to make the celebration an annual event.

**"The whole point was to show the incredible diversity of talent that the South coast has."**

Elaine Crossley,  
Arts route researcher

"I'm very pleased with the result," she said of the route, which she feels will open the public's eyes to art and cultural they may not have been familiar with.

"There has been a great

deal of support from the arts community," she said.

Following the launch party, crowds took to the streets to participate in the city's inaugural Art Crawl that took place on West St. and the surrounding area between 5 and 11 p.m.

A variety of activities and attractions were scheduled, including visual art displays, live music, an interactive canvas painting activity, a drum circle and a jam session in which everyone was invited to bring an instrument and collaborate.

Galleries, shops, and restaurants got on board, some extending their regular hours to fit the schedule.

Bringing the downtown

core to life was what the night was all about as many volunteered their time during the all-ages event.

Organizers Elizabeth Madronich, Gail Todd and Donna-Marie Zapp were in high spirits and were pleased with the community response.

"Today was fantastic," said Todd, adding she enjoyed the sense of pride and ownership that participants displayed as they supported homegrown talent.

Zapp said that while the art crawl started small, the group hopes to make it a yearly tradition.

"It's only going to grow bigger," she said.

## ■ HORSES

# 450 kg in food collected

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The two-day event raised more than 450 kilograms in food donations as well as \$255 for the Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre.

"It's a great idea," said Caitlin Battista, marketing and communications co-ordinator for Port Cares.

"We're still getting calls from people wanting to bring donations in."

Rachelle Anderson, the food centre's co-ordinator, said the event is much appreciated.

"We're very much thrilled with the results."

The horses have garnered plenty of attention on Main St. since the first one appeared outside Frank's Home Building Centre in mid-June. The first cardboard horse, Happy, was created by business owner and Ward 3 Coun. Frank

Danch, who harnessed it to little-used bicycle racks installed during the recent streetscaping project.

Businesses along the street joined in on the fun, putting their own creative spin on its versions of horses.

EDDIE CHAU Staff Photo

There's no horsing around for Caitlin Battista, marketing and communications co-ordinator for Port Cares; Bruce Ferri of Thruway Muffin; Frank Danch of Frank's Home Building Centre and Rachelle Anderson, Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre operations co-ordinator. Main St. businesses collected more than \$255 in cash and more than 450 kilograms of food during the inaugural Feed the Horses event.



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■ **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD:** A Canadian first

## Port's Thompson makes history

InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — Stephen Thompson is the first Canadian to receive an economic development professional award from the International Economic Developers Council.

Port Colborne's general manager and director of economic development, tourism and marketing, was presented the award on Sept. 19 during a special recognition dinner to acknowledge outstanding leaders who are advancing economic development in their communities based on significant career achievements, and contributing to their organization, community and the advancement of economic development as a profession.

The event was held in conjunction with IEDC's annual conference, held this year in Charlotte, NC.

Thompson's nomination was supported by Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey, Mike Sloan, president of the Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Paul Parker, professor and associ-

ate dean of graduate studies at the University of Waterloo and director of the University of Waterloo/Economic Developers Association of Canada Economic Development Program.

Thompson serves on the chamber board and on the committee that oversees the university's economic development program.

Badawey highlighted Thompson's community involvement and the significant contribution he has made to the city through his development of programs and activities to support existing and attract new businesses.

Thompson's contribution to the profession were highlighted by Parker, who spoke of his involvement with the Economic Developers Council of Ontario, Economic Development Association of Canada, and his contribution to both the professional development and masters programs at the University of Waterloo. Thompson has delivered lectures regularly at the university over the past 10 years.

Thompson is an individual who "has established his



Stephen Thompson, centre, Port Colborne's general manager and director of economic development, tourism and marketing, received an economic development professional award from the International Economic Developers Council on Sept. 19. He is shown receiving the award from IEDC board member Todd Greene and chairman Dennis Coleman.

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reputation, is respected by his peers, asked for advice

and represents the best in the next generation," Parker said

in a news release.

Thompson called it an

"honour and a privilege" to be recognized by the IEDC.

■ **CITY:** People starting to take notice: mayor

## Port Colborne brings home five economic development awards

MARYANNE FIRTH  
InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — Port Colborne has received five Excellence in Economic Development Awards from the International Economic Development Council.

The awards, which attract submissions from around the world, were presented at a ceremony recently in Charlotte, N.C., as part of the annual IEDC conference.

"Port Colborne is garner-

ing significant notice both in Canada and around the world," said Mayor Vance Badawey.

It continues to be "the little city that can," he added.

The city's electronic newsletter, Port Colborne Economic Development News, received a first-place award in the newsletter/newspaper category.

The newsletter was introduced in 2010 and is distributed quarterly to readers in Niagara and around

the world, keeping them informed on business news and investment opportunities in Port Colborne.

Port Colborne's 2010 economic development, tourism and marketing department annual report received a first-place award in the annual brochure category.

The annual activity report promotes and reports on departmental goals, initiatives and achievements.

The Carbohydrate Valley Tour received a first-place

award in the special events category. The day-long biofood industry tour, held this past May, introduced more than 30 business decision-makers, trade commissioners and government officials from around the world to two Carbohydrate Valley manufacturers — Casco and Jungbunzlauer.

The Uncharted, Unexpected advertising campaign received honourable mention in the paid advertising category. Introduced last

year, the branding has been used through a mix of print, outdoor, electronic, video and online media.

The Wind Energy Manufacturing Cluster Folder received honourable mention in the special purpose brochure category. The wind energy manufacturing club was developed in 2010 as a sales tool for one-on-one meetings with green energy manufacturing companies during several strategic conferences and conventions.

Stephen Thompson, the city's general manager and director of economic development, tourism and marketing, was also recognized at the event. He was the first Canadian to receive an economic development professional award from the IEDC.

The awards signify that Port Colborne is "at the forefront of economic development and tourism marketing," Badawey said, crediting "Team Port Colborne" for its efforts.

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## ourview

### Cancer walk on horizon

Next weekend will see hundreds of people take to the back roads of the city for the annual Country Walk for Breast Cancer.

The walk was founded in 1994 by Teresa Pizzo and Bonnie Jackson, a family friend, Pizzo's mother. Ramona was diagnosed with cancer that year. Pizzo had taken part in a cancer walk in California and when she returned home, asked Jackson if there was something similar being held in the area.

Upon learning there wasn't, the two joined forces and started the first walk out at Cedar Bay Inn, which was owned by Pizzo's family. The walk took the first participants down the city's quiet back country roads and started off the fundraising efforts for breast cancer research.

To date, through the walk, a golf tournament and a Country Table Toppers Luncheon, has raised \$375,000 for research, with \$297,000 staying in the community. The funds used locally go toward the Ramona Pizzo-Bonnie Jackson Breast Screening Centre at Port Colborne hospital.

The money helps maintain the best equipment, education and assistance for the mammography department.

Pizzo said to "meet the Ontario Radiology Accreditation, constant upgrading and ongoing maintenance is needed for all equipment if it's important to keep raising money."

Though the walk moved from Cedar Bay Inn, to Whisky Run Golf and Country Club, Pizzo said the purpose, it's always attracted people willing to help find a cure for cancer.

Pizzo said about 350, including participants, volunteers and friends and family members who show support for their loved ones that are participating, take part each year.

"Something we should consider taking part in, because we all know someone who has been touched or taken by cancer."

#### Pilot project launched

The Interprofessional Care Pilot Project has officially taken off in Port Colborne. The project is a collaborative effort run by the city, Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network, Niagara Health System and the Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine, which is facilitated by McMaster University. It will incorporate and integrate much-needed allied health professionals with the family physicians of Port Colborne, regardless of their medical practice. The project is expected to greatly improve the accessibility and level of health care provided to Port Colborne residents, and expand teaching capacity for medical learners in the community.

The hope of the pilot project is to create an innovative health care model that will satisfy residents and could potentially be used in similar municipalities across the province. It was put together to look at the gaps in care that citizens of the lakeside city are experiencing. The goal is to take those barriers and gaps in health-care services, and have them fixed. It's also an effort to help reduce the workload and stress of local health care workers.

We hope this new project runs smoothly and becomes something the rest of the province can look toward when it comes to delivering health care.

## I'VE BEEN THINKING

### Growing older with a wealth of blessings

REV. THOMAS P. ARTH  
First Evangelical Lutheran Church

In a couple of weeks I'll have a birthday and I'll be half way between 40 and 50. The Bible says, "The years of our life are threescore and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore" (Psalm 90:10). So, if I get my threescore and ten then I'm ten years past half way. I'm middle aged. When did that happen?

I guess I shouldn't really be surprised. A couple of years ago I started working out at a gym a few times a week. When the young man was showing me how to use the various weight machines I told him, "I don't think I'm old but I'm starting to feel old," so it's time I started some regular exercise." It wasn't long after I started working out that I pulled a muscle in my back that kept me away from the gym for a couple of weeks. But not long after that, after some regular exercise, I started to feel a lot better.

If genetics have anything to do with it then there's a good chance I'll make the fourscore or even beyond. I have a 100 year old grandmother living in Hamilton so according to her age,

I'm not even half way yet. My father turned 80 earlier this year, still plays golf at least once a week, and a few weeks ago he shot a 78, beating his age.

"I'm not one who feels the need to lie about my age or even hide my age. I know a woman who jokingly was holding at 29 until she reached 39. Now I suppose she'll be holding at 39 until she reaches 49. A while back I received one of those funny emails that talked about age, how as children we want to get older, even going as far as saying things like 'I'm four-and-a-half' because that puts us that much closer to five.

Then there are the milestone ages that you reach as a child. Earlier this year my oldest daughter turned 18. She's an adult now, legally anyway, and she can vote in the upcoming election. My next oldest daughter turned 16. She can learn to drive now (although I find that kids don't seem quite as eager to drive as I was when I turned 16). My oldest son turned 13. Now we have three teenagers in the house. And our youngest son, well next year he'll reach double digits.

When you get to my age there aren't the same kinds of milestones. I guess in five years I'll reach "half a century."

## readers' views

### Centralization not always the answer

John Finley's column regarding Niagara Health System (The Tribune, Sept. 22) covered a lot of ground. I agree that Debbie Sevenspiter and Paul Leon were harshly criticized despite their competence and hard work. I agree that change is necessary. But I disagree that the NHS critics want all services in all communities all the time, or as he later put it, a "hospital on every corner."

No one ever argued for that. Mr. Finley is misrepresenting people who are as sincere as the NHS board members, including himself, a former member.

Port Colborne hospital did not have the services, and the critics of the so-called hospital improvement plan (HIP) specifically wanted our hospital to keep its emergency room, whose

staff surpassed many other ER staff in response times.

Moreover, neither the Port Colborne nor the Port Erie hospital had debt.

It was the larger hospitals that had accumulated debt. And the HIP punished the debt-free hospitals to help manage the larger hospitals' debts, which are still hanging over the NHS.

I believe that the NHS has not received sufficient funding from the provincial government to cover its services, and that this is the root of the problem.

But there is another problem with the HIP, namely access.

Finley access to the new regional hospital being built in West St. Catharines is difficult for residents in Welland, Port Colborne and Port Erie. Even in the summer it takes me 40 minutes to get to downtown St. Catharines using Hwy. 3, 58, 140 and 406.

The new extension to Hwy. 406 is

I don't see the "freedom 53" thing happening in ten years time. I guess the next couple of decades might see other kinds of milestones that don't depend on reaching a certain number.

I might see some of my kids get married. Then I might also become a grandfather. (Note to my kids: there's no need to rush to those milestones). Hopefully what I've written so far doesn't sound like I'm lamenting anything. I don't pine for anything like my lost youth. A few days before my birthday is Thanksgiving Day. I give thanks to God for what I have in my life. I'm not rich in a financial sense. Well that's not entirely true. I know a lot of people who have a lot more than I do, but compared to many millions, even billions in the world I'm loaded.

But besides material riches I have a wealth of other blessings. I have a family that I love with all my heart and soul. I have a job I love, serving a church and people that I love. Most of all I give thanks that God is a part of my life each and every day. Everything I have comes from God, and my life of faith only serves to enrich all of the other relationships in my life.

So, 45, bring it on. And with God by my side I'm looking forward to another 45, and maybe more.

welcome but not enough for residents of Welland, some of whom prefer using the Dunnville hospital. So timely access to the new hospital is denied to roughly 45,000 residents of south Niagara.

Welland hospital has a good ER, but the wait times are lengthy and the future of the Welland site seems to be going the way of the Port Colborne and Port Erie hospitals under the NHS. Finally I think Mr. Finley's comment that baby-boomers "are chomping at the bit to start playing Pac-Man with our health-care dollars" is mean-spirited, inappropriate and untrue. No one wants to spend the rest of one's life in a hospital.

Centralization is not always the answer. And the hospital improvement plan in no way improves hospital care in south Niagara.

Rev. Dr. Graham Scott Wainfleet  
Fighting for change

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## ■ COLUMN

# Dandie Dinmont terrier inspired Guy Mannering character

The Dandie Dinmont Terrier has been used for hunting badgers, otters and foxes near the border between England and Scotland since the 1700's. At that time they were known as the Pepper and Mustard Terriers. The famous author Sir Walter Scott in his travels, was so impressed with the dogs he decided to own some of them. He then made them famous when he wrote his famous book "Guy Mannering" the character in this popular book was named Dandie Dinmont and he owned these terriers in the story. The dogs soon became known as Dandie Dinmont's terriers. Today they still are good hunters, intelligent, fond of children and excellent



**Sandie Bingley**  
**IT'S A DOGS LIFE**

house dogs. They are easily recognized as the terriers that are having a "bad hair" day. Their long fluffy hair on top of their heads looks like a poodle's fuzzy head top. The Norwich Terrier was a small, red or sandy coloured terrier developed in the Norwich area of England. There were excellent barnyard ratters and superior dog "bolters". They were small enough that they could get into the fox dens and make them bolt out into the open where the hunters were

waiting. These little rough coated terriers came in two styles. Some of them had pricked ears and some of them had floppy ears. In the 1960's it was decided to give these dogs two different names depending on their ears and to breed them separately as well. The pricked eared variety kept the original name of Norwich Terriers. The floppy eared variety became known as the Norfolk Terriers. It is easy to remember which is which.

The words "Norfolk" and "Boppy" both have "f" in the words. The word "Norwich" has a "w" in it which looks like upside down prick ears. Both breeds are perky, lovable and energetic.

Last of the terriers is

also the newest of the terriers with a short history. The Cseky Terrier was developed in Czechoslovakia in 1949 by a Czech geneticist. He wanted a terrier that would work well in open fields as well as going to ground after rodents. He used numerous

older variety of terriers to create the Cseky Terrier. They are noted for having a smaller, narrower heads to make it easier to go into rodent dens in the ground. They were recognized as a real breed of terrier in 1963. Although earlier he was known as the

Bohemian or Czech Terrier, he is now officially called the Cseky Terrier. As all terriers are, they think that they are a big dog in a small package with energy and attitude.

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### ■ PORT CARES: City makes donation

## \$22,000 more for Nickel St. centre

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PORT COLBORNE — The city has committed an additional \$22,000 to the Port Cares Reaching Out and Changing Lives capital campaign.

Ward 4 Coun. Barbara Butters brought forward a motion recently, asking for a \$25,000 donation to the Port Cares campaign, which supports the \$1-million expansion of the agency's Reach Out Centre on Nickel St.

Though councillors supported the donation, there was a lengthy discussion of just where the funds should come from.

Butters' original motion asked that a donation of \$25,000 be financed through city-owned Port Colborne Fibre Inc. by dividends received through Niagara Regional Broadband Network.

Instead, council amended her

motion to pledge \$22,000 — providing the funds in three different payments — through the Port Colborne Hydro Inc. permissive grant program.

The city previously supported the campaign by waiving building permit and development charge fees totalling some \$28,000. Pledging an additional \$22,000 brings the city's commitment to an even \$50,000.

Port Cares received a total \$670,000 through federal and provincial infrastructure stimulus funding for the campaign, and in return was required to raise matching funds of \$335,000 by the end of October. Thus far, more than \$250,000 has been raised, said Port Cares executive director Lynda Reinhart.

In pledging the money prior to the Oct. 31 deadline, the city's funds will be matched dollar for dollar by the provincial and federal governments.

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Jack Oskam is a former steel fabricator who took to wood carving in his retirement. His work will be displayed at Port Colborne Public Library on King St. until Nov. 15.

## ■ JACK OSKAM: From steel to wood

# 'It's all about the detail'

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Jack Oskam spent most of his life working with steel, but his retirement has brought him a new passion for wood.

The 80-year-old from Port Colborne doesn't like to sit around doing nothing, so his wife bought him a carving knife in 1993.

He took to carving wooden sculptures like a duck to

water.

"What else are you going to do? Sit around on the beach all day? Not me," he says.

His collection of Canadian bird carvings is on display at Port Colborne Public Library until Nov. 15.

Oskam has won three first-place ribbons from the Tavern Coast Wood Carvers competition for his extremely detailed birds.

The first bird he carved was

a small duck for his wife. They still have it. Oskam learned how to carve and how to size birds from books, including Peterson's Field Guide: Eastern Birds, which is available at the library.

"It's very relaxing, but you have to have a lot of patience," he says.

Library services director Jennifer Parr says the Port Colborne library focuses on all sorts of literacy, and the library is always happy to exhibit local artists' works.

"Knowing about the birds that migrate and fly over your house is being literate about native species," she says.

Oskam's award-winning American bald eagle took him two years to finish. The wings are very difficult, he says, because when they overlap it is very easy to break the wood.

"If you break it, that's it. I've thrown a lot of birds into the fire," he adds.

**If you break it, that's it. I've thrown a lot of birds into the fire.**

Jack Oskam, wood carver

Most of the wood he uses comes from a tree he and a friend cut down years ago. He says he kept it for so long and didn't know what to do with it, but thinks now there will be enough wood to continue carving for many years.

"Even if I live to be 100, there will still be wood left over."

Oskam doesn't sell his work — he gives it all to family members. He says to carve a medium-sized bird, it takes him about four or five months. Painting it can take another month because he can only do one coat at a time and every bird has more than 30 coats.

"(I started carving birds) because I like them, I always fed them," he says.

"I also like the detail, it's all about the detail."

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■ **COMPANY:** Niagara Region Wind Corp. attracting jobs

# Turbine factories coming to Niagara

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**THOROLD** — A \$400-million deal between a wind development company and turbine-maker will see two manufacturing facilities built in Niagara.

The deal will see German-based ENERCON supply 77 three-megawatt wind turbines to Niagara Region Wind Corp. for its 230-megawatt project in west Niagara. The turbines will be built at the two facilities that will be located somewhere in Niagara.

"This is a significant announcement for

Niagara region and our company," said Bob Daniels, principal shareholder of the wind corporation. "Attracting additional, long-term, local benefits has always been a priority for NRW. We're glad to have been able to use our purchasing power to attract these jobs to the region."

The company could not say how many jobs the factories would create or where the facilities will be located. It confirmed that a variety of workers will be needed, from workers on the factory floor to engineers.

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## RECIPE of the month OCTOBER

*Our Port Country Pantry's*

### Delicious Yule-time Fruitcake

\*Prepares (3 or 4) 10"x5"x3" grape pans & lined with greased parchment paper. Preheat oven @ 275 degrees F.

1. In a large mixing bowl, mix together all-purpose flour, maca, nutmeg, cinnamon & baking soda. Add fruits & leese in dry mixture to coat fruit.

2. Cream butter & sugar together until fluffy. Beat yolks until thick & whisk until stiff; add to creamed mixture.

3. Add flour & fruit mixture alternately with coffee. Pour into prepared pans. Bake it over @ preheat oven temperature, about 3 to 4 hours. Cool in pan. When cake has completely cooled, remove from pan & peel off paper from bottom. Wrap tightly in plastic wrap or seal in plastic bags. Store in cool place. Can be frozen for longer storage.

\*Optional — When cake is completely cooled, wrap each cake in cheesecloth moistened with brandy, covering all sides. Then wrap in foil. Remove foil every few days & moisten the cheesecloth with additional brandy (moist in foil). Do this for 1 to 2 weeks. The brandy will flavour the cake & help to preserve it.

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## ■ GREEN ENERGY

# Wind farm could power more than 57,000 homes

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"Further details will come very soon," said Mark Renaud, spokesman for ENERCON.

In February, NRW was awarded a feed-in-tariff contract from Ontario Power Authority. That solidified discussions that were going on for two years between the two firms, Renaud said.

"We're very proud of being your new neighbour," he said, adding that it will help identify where the turbines will be located in west Niagara in the coming months. "We'll be working very closely and identifying the exact sites."

NRWC has optioned more than 80 pieces of land in west Niagara to potentially place wind turbines. The \$550-million wind farm would be built in West Lincoln, Wainfleet, Pelham and Haldimand County. It could generate enough electricity to power more than 57,000 homes.

ENERCON will build a con-



Submitted photo

A \$400-million deal between a wind development company and turbine-maker will see two manufacturing facilities built in Niagara.

verter and control panel factory somewhere in Niagara. A concrete tower manufacturing site will also be established in west Niagara, close to the turbine locations.

"This will be the first (ENERCON) factory of its kind outside of Germany," Renaud said.

ENERCON's operations and business development man-

ager, Adrienne Downey, has been searching Niagara for almost two years for the right place to locate the facilities.

"What is quite intriguing, from our perspective, is that

there is a vast array of possibilities in the Niagara region," Downey said.

Site location for both factories will be decided by spring. Turbine production will start in summer 2013.

The deal will see ENERCON and NRW partner on the maintenance and operation of the wind farm.

ENERCON is a private-owned company out of Aurich, Germany. It started its Canadian subsidiary in Alberta in 2001 and now has 300 employees across the country.

Regional Chair Gary Burroughs hailed the agreement as important news for the unemployed of the region. There will be opportunities for other Niagara business to profit from this new venture, he said.

"This new manufacturing project will bring a significant number of high value jobs to Niagara at a time when our economy is in recovery," he

said.

Randi Rahaimin, a spokeswoman for NRW, said she's confident the project will move forward, even if the government changes in October. She pointed to PC Leader Tim Hudak's pledge to honour all existing green energy contracts.

"We take their word at face value," she said. "As such, we plan to move forward accordingly."

Rahaimin said while it's not known how many jobs the manufacturing facilities will create, the wind farm itself will create 770 jobs during the development and construction phases and 110 jobs after its completion.

Rahaimin could not say what the new facilities would mean to recently laid-off workers at Fort Erie's DMI Industries, which makes components for wind turbines.

"It's too soon to know where trickle down business will come from," she said.

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Management for superficial fungal infections involves some simple non-drug methods, and over-the-counter remedies in the form of sprays lotions and creams. Affected individuals should try to reduce moisture in the affected area. Loose-fitted clothing made of cotton or material that absorbs moisture should be worn. The skin should be dried completely before covering with clothing. If the infection involves the feet, flip flops should be worn with bare feet to prevent spread to others and reinfection.

There are also many topical antifungal agents available. Examples include Canesten cream (clotrimazole), Nizoral shampoo (ketokonazole), and Monistat-Derm (miconazole), to name a few. Creams and solutions are useful because they can be rubbed into the area. Solutions work in hairy areas because they are easier to apply. Powders can serve as useful additions to creams and solutions. They are helpful when the infection is wet or oozing, or where a drying agent is needed. When applying the antifungal product it should be applied to the lesion as well as one to two inches around the lesion. The antifungal should also be used for one to two weeks after lesions clear to reduce the rate of recurrence.

Patients who have diabetes, or those who are immunosuppressed may need prescription oral therapy. It is best for your doctor to assess these fungal infections. Fungal infections of the nail are also resistant to over-the-counter treatment.

There are some home remedies for treating nail fungus. Patients have tried applying Vicks VapoRub and tea tree oil. There is not a lot of evidence to suggest the efficacy of these products for this condition, however some people may wish to try them before resorting to an oral medication.

If you think you may be affected by a fungal infection there are a number of treatment options available. Most issues can be resolved with some persistence and the proper product. Please speak to your pharmacist about what option is best for you.

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■ **WELCOME ADDITION:** Cause for celebration at First Evangelical Lutheran

## Lift up your hearts

For InPort News

**PORT COLBORNE** — After a recent Sunday morning worship service at First Evangelical Lutheran Church concluded, the congregation gathered outside at the side entrance to the church for a prayer of dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony.

This was to give thanks and ask for God's blessing on a recently completed accessibility project.

First Lutheran had a ramp that made the sanctuary wheelchair accessible but there was no accessible washroom and the church hall was not accessible.

For years there was the occasional conversation across the table after church at coffee hour or across the meeting table at a congregational council meeting about the need for better accessibility.

Then, through a couple of

generous bequests, the congregation realized that the idea could become a reality.

Through generous offerings of many members and friends of the church as well as a few fund-raising events the church was able to raise the funds to cover the full cost of the project.

The church contracted with Shoalts Brothers Construction of Fenwick, a company with quite a bit of experience doing work with and for churches, to construct a small addition and renovate part of the existing space to provide an accessible washroom and a hydraulic lift to provide access to the church hall.

Construction began in February and the finishing touches were completed in May.

Where previously some older people or those with certain physical disabilities might have had difficulty



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Shown from left: Roif Numsen, Rev. Thomas Arth, Susan Kramer, Heather Ott, Terry Benner, Sheila Fretz, Lesley Stratford, Margaret Young, Merv Fretz, Karen Bernatz.

accessing church facilities, now the lift provides access to the church hall and a properly sized washroom is available.

Following the dedication and ribbon cutting, refreshments and a light lunch were offered in the church hall by volunteers from the congregation and the family of a baby boy who was baptized at that morning's worship

service.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church gives thanks to God that they were able to complete this project, looking ahead to the 150th anniversary of the congregation in 2012 and beyond to a future where they may continue to share the love of Jesus Christ with their community and the world.

■ **WALK:** Rain doesn't wash away spirit

## Port High holds Terry Fox Run

LINDSAY COSTELLO  
For InPort News

**PORT COLBORNE** — A sea of blue and white filled the streets on Friday morning as the Blue Bears took to the streets to continue the marathon of hope.

Port Colborne High School students participated in the school's annual Terry Fox Run in which hundreds of staff and students braved the rain in support of cancer research.

While the weather was not ideal, it did not spoil the event.

"There was an overwhelming desire to get out there just like Terry did," said principal Nigel Evans, who also said he could feel the community support as they walked.

The school fundraised and raised awareness for

the cause within the school throughout the week but for Evans, the opportunity to show school pride while supporting a good cause was also important.

"It's a moment for us to show some school spirit and get out in the community," he said of the walk.

In the second year of the tradition, students had the option of adding a personal touch by wearing stickers to show who they were walking in memory or in support of.

"It made it more meaningful," said Evans of the way the sticker idea focused on individuals rather than a broad cause.

He said that cancer touches many lives and that the day was about showing support for those affected.

"The most important thing is the message and the spirit,"



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Port Colborne High School staff and students braved the rain on Friday morning for the school's annual Terry Fox walk.



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# Barbs fly in economic development debate

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**THOROLD** — Plans for a new regional economic development group debuted last Thursday to a whirlwind of heavy criticism and wrangling between regional councillors.

Council's committee of the whole agreed to take up in October a plan to transition to the new group, which would replace the troubled Niagara Economic Development Corp.

But discussion over the measure quickly took a stormy turn Thursday as councillors tore into both the plan and each other.

"This thing I'm beginning to see, for my municipality, is we're creating a great service for the larger municipalities that doesn't seem to serve the smaller municipalities," said Niagara-on-the-Lake Lord Mayor David Eke.

"I am concerned that the smaller municipalities that are sitting around the table do not have a role to play."

St. Catharines Mayor Brian McCullum, a vocal opponent of the economic development plan, was quick to fire back. "This isn't the big municipalities trying to take over. We don't want this. We don't support it."

The heated discussion drew a fierce rebuke from Lincoln Mayor Bill Hodgson.

"If I were to go do a documentary on what's wrong with Niagara right now ... you should have the cameras here tonight, because you'd hear it all," he said.

"What we're doing right now is defining exactly what Niagara is. Just a squabbling bunch of complaining, parochial ... He left the sentence unfinished but went on to call the acrimony "firesome" and

urged councillors to move ahead with the plans.

Those plans would see the group operate through a mix of region agents, contracted experts and service agents — "field agents" — see **REGION** | page 16



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## ■ REGION

# 'You've got to be part of team Niagara or no part of team Niagara'

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Integrated community planning commissioner Patrick Robson said the team director would be internal to the region.

He and Grimsby Coun. Debbie Zimmerman, co-chair of council's economic development task force, spent the evening fielding pointed

questions. Among the critics, Lincoln Coun. Mark Byllesma slammed the notion of a regional department.

"We have trouble deciding points of privilege and table this and table that," he said. "We're going to put this group of people in charge of economic development."

On several occasions, Zimmerman insisted some-

thing at NEDC has to change.

The big-versus-small debate joined the fate of local economic development officers as another flashpoint in the debate around the new development body.

When the issue came to council earlier in the summer, the mayors of three of Niagara's five municipalities with their own develop-

ment officers voted against it, with one more lining up in opposition.

Of the five — St. Catharines, Welland, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne and Fort Erie — only Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey praised the plan. He touted the strengths of the existing officers, but said "we can all take advantage of them now."

He said local development teams should work hand in hand with the new plan.

"The key here is, you've got to be part of team Niagara or not part of team Niagara."

Badawey, on Friday, said he caught inklings of parochialism during the debate.

"It does get tiresome and it does get frustrating and quite frankly, it gets embarrassing

when you listen to some of that bickering," he said.

Though confident the development model would pass, he said he hoped self-interest wouldn't rear its head in the debate, saying Niagara's 12 municipalities all have strengths together.

"We really have to get out of this mindset of 12 and get into this mindset of one in



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